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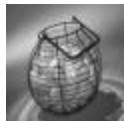
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday. Elsewhere, prices were higher on larger sizes but unchanged on mediums. The market tone was steady to at times firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good. Supplies were in balance to sufficient for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to available for the quiet to good demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to readily available for the fair to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good, best where featured. Loose egg movement was light to usually moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate and were held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the quiet demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	35-44	38-41	LARGE	16-25	20
LARGE	34-43	36-39	MEDIUM	7-13	11
MEDIUM	25-34	27-30	SMALL	5-9	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on extra large and large, unchanged on mediums when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady entering the week. Demand was usually moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close balanced for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for normal breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings were adequate to readily available for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-63	49-50
LARGE	39-53	44-48
MEDIUM	32-45	37-39

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate and held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the quiet demand. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were mostly full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-57	50-53
LARGE	40.5-49	42-45
MEDIUM	32.5-41	34-37

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on the larger sizes, but remained unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were in close balance to adequate. Breaking stock offerings were barely sufficient to adequate for the moderate to good demand. Spent hens were sufficient to readily available for a fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42.5-50	44-47
LARGE	40-48	42-45
MEDIUM	33.5-41	34-38

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices of extra large, large and medium were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was mixed, generally steady to full steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	53-57
LARGE	51-55
MEDIUM	44-48

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	42-50	43-45
LARGE	40-48	41-43
MEDIUM	31-39	32-34

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 7% lower than last Monday with California down 15% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 8%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings much lighter.

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 15% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings lighter. Small benchmark price 50.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	108
EXTRA LARGE	93
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	70

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
	RANGE	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO
LARGE	249-299	EXTRA LARGE Not
LARGE	199-239	LARGE Available
MEDIUM	189-195	MEDIUM

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 21, 2006 will decrease by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 14, 2006 were 335,837 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	289,641	46,196	335,837
% change from the prior week.....	+3	-2	+2

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available while demand was quiet. Most breakers worked from previously purchased shell eggs and regular commitments. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	22-28	22-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-20	13-15
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JUL-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-10 CENTS/LB.	6-8	7.14

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Sales of finished product was no better than fair. The undertone was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 17-JUL-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-10 CENTS/LB.	-	6.50
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JULY 17, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.0	12.9	4.3	10.0	9.6	43.8
	Change	0.7	-2.9	-1.7	-1.4	-2.3	-15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.3	46.4	11.2	17.6	40.0	140.5
	Change	2.2	-4.4	-1.0	-2.2	3.9	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	42.7	150.9	77.5	71.1	103.5	445.7
	Change	3.8	-9.7	-5.1	-12.9	-17.0	-8%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.9	54.2	22.2	18.0	34.0	143.3
	Change	0.4	1.4	3.3	0.1	0.5	4%
Small	Curr Wk	5.8	7.9	0.6	6.3	4.8	25.4
	Change	-1.9	-1.6	0.2	0.9	-0.7	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.0	30.5	11.7	15.0	5.6	64.8
	Change	0.5	2.5	1.2	-1.6	-0.1	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.9	52.1	15.4	32.3	29.4	145.1
	Change	2.6	-16.5	-4.1	-3.4	-2.0	-14%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	113.6	354.9	142.9	170.3	226.9	1008.6
	Change	8%	-8%	-5%	-11%	-7%	-6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1008.6	-6%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	259.2	-3%	35

Total Shell Egg	1267.8	-6%	201
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 03, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JULY 03, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 14, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 17.00**FUTURE LOADS** 3.00**TOTAL LOADS** 20.00

SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	22.50	—	22.50	24.50	—	—	2.00	GL W J	56.00	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	46.00	—	—	40.00	—	5.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	53.00	4.00
GL W LG	—	—	32.00	34.00	—	—	4.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W MD	22.00	25.00	27.00	29.00	22.33	—	5.00	GL W MD	23.00	—	—	33.00	—	31.67	4.00
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	26.00	—	—	1.00	GL BR J	62.00	—	—	—	—	68.00	1.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/10/06-07/14/06**CURRENT LOADS** 80.75**FUTURE LOADS** 44.50**TOTAL LOADS** 125.25

SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	21.50	—	22.13	23.67	25.00	29.00	10.00	GNR W 1	26.50	30.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	22.50	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	53.33	—	—	—	—	62.00	2.25
GL W J	—	—	37.50	39.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	41.83	—	—	—	51.19	6.75
GL W XL	—	35.46	37.25	38.21	36.67	—	38.50	GL W LG	29.50	35.67	—	44.00	—	41.95	13.00
GL W LG	—	33.35	30.70	33.43	26.97	26.00	34.25	GL W MD	23.04	25.00	—	33.80	—	31.50	12.50
GL W MD	26.00	25.20	25.38	26.75	21.40	22.75	26.75	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	21.00	24.00	1.00
GL W SM	24.17	27.00	24.00	26.00	—	—	4.00	GL BR J	62.00	—	—	—	—	68.00	1.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	38.00	—	.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	51.00	—	—	.50
GL BR LG	—	—	38.00	—	38.00	41.00	3.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	51.00	—	—	1.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.00	25.18	18.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	21.63	8.00	NRBS - 39	14.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	20.40	9.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.00	3.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.
 THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.
 NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/10/06	07/03/06	07/11/05
PACIFIC COAST	55	55	239
LOS ANGELES	52	52	233

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on extra large and large. Steady on medium and small. Supplies are available to meet a fair retail demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	63.86
LARGE	58.86
MEDIUM	51.86
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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